

Braunston News

October 2021



2021 Braunston Advent Fayre launched - virtual and physical - take part!

Last year covid forced us to hold a very successful 'virtual' Advent Fayre and although we missed kicking off the Christmas season in person we were able to supply lots of Christmas goods to everyone, and raised a good sum for maintaining our ancient church building.

This year the Advent Fayre invites you, our local crafts people, artists and artisans, to exhibit and sell your products as part of the Advent Fayre, in the village hall on Saturday 27th November. We expect to have an exciting range of crafts, arts, jewellery, gifts and produce to buy and look at, along with the usual fabulous Christmas goodies the Advent Fayre is famous for. We will also hold the draw for the festive Advent Fayre Raffle on the day in the hall.

Stalls will be free for exhibitors but we ask stall holders for a modest donation based on any sales made. We will publicise stall holders in advance along with links to their websites and product lists. Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, yule logs, jams, marmalades, chutneys will be available to buy on the day and to order in advance for delivery to your home or to collect at the Fayre.

If you would like to take a stall, large or small please contact Rob or Pat on 07900535250 or email robander961@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible as space is limited.

Rob Anderson

A celebrity in our midst

Keen Gardeners World viewers were delighted to see Braunston featured on the programme a couple of weeks ago with a glimpse into Clare and Tony Seymour's beautiful garden. Clare gave us a tour of her new pond, with shots of the before, during and after phases, highlighting the planting and how it is already welcoming a variety of wildlife. Those of us lucky enough to have seen it in real life will confirm that it is a special place - you've done a great job Clare, not only with the garden but also with a very professional presentation, Adam Frost had better watch out !



The programme is available on BBC iPlayer - Gardeners World, episode 26 - and Clare's segment is about 17 minutes in.

Blue Ball re-opens

In the interests of journalistic research, the Newsletter's resident drinks correspondent was at the Blue Ball last Friday for the grand re-opening, and she is happy to report that the beer, prosecco and gin and tonic are all flowing again.



It looks like Bups and his team have been hard at it over the last few weeks and any first night nerves were being kept well hidden ! It was great to see the refurbished bar area and terrace busy with customers again - there is still work in progress but it all bodes well for what is now our only pub. Your correspondent's next mission is to sample the new menu !

Braunston Open Golf

Friday the 24th heralded the return of the village golf day, competition amongst the 22 players was as bright as the weather was sunny.

At the dinner in the evening in the Village Hall, prizes for good and poor golf performances were awarded, including the colourful Rob Anderson collecting the best dressed golfer trophy and Graham Cooper, for once not winning the longest drive competition which was scooped up by Paul McNally, but picking up the trophy for being closest to the pin on the infamous 12th hole! Thanks to everyone who participated and those whose hard work made for a great day.

Next year we will try and hold the Open on a Saturday so as many players as possible can take part. Peter Allen

Changes to green bin collections

Just a reminder that RCC have made changes to our bin collection timetable. Starting on Wednesday 6th October, green bins will be collected with the black bins rather than the grey bins. It actually means that we get an extra collection just at the time of year when we need it, so get pruning everyone !

Last chance to

.... book your table for the Halloween Dinner & Dance in the village hall on Sat 30th Oct, there are just a few spaces left. Tickets are £38 per person for a three course meal followed by dancing to live music - contact Karen at karenbraunstonrutlanduk@gmail.com or on 07961 050007, to reserve your place.

Spooky costumes welcome !

Church News

October services: 11am, Sun 3th and 17th Holy Communion
11am, Sun 10th Sunday Worship
4pm, Sun 24th Memories Service
11am, Sun 31st Joint service with Brooke, Hambleton, and Egleton



On Sunday 24th October we're holding our annual Memories Service, at 4.00pm. This is an informal service, to reflect on cherished memories of the loved ones we have lost and to light a candle in their memory.

As we come out of Covid restrictions we are enjoying getting together again for seasonal celebrations and around 40 of us gathered for a Harvest Service in September. There were traditional hymns and readings, video clips, and spoken and sung contributions as we gave thanks for nature and our food, and also reflected on our place in the world and our responsibility for its future.

It was good to welcome first-time visitors to church as well as regulars. All were made welcome, and refreshments were shared and an auction of produce held. Thanks to Alan Rudge, auctioneer for the day.

Upcoming events include Remembrance on Sun 14th Nov, a Carol Service on Dec 20th and Journey to Jesus, Braunston's unique travelling nativity, on Dec 24th. More information to follow.

It's pumpkin time again



Rutland Pumpkins, our local pick-your-own pumpkin patch situated at the America Lodge crossroads is about to open for its second season. Peta, who runs the farm, has sent the following information:

This year the Rutland Pumpkins patch is bigger and better than ever with 15,000 seeds planted, double last year's total. We'll be joined by Roaming Giraffe serving hot chocolates, coffees, teas and cakes, Amo La Pizza providing traditional neapolitan pizza., and Shona's Fabulous Faces making everyone look spooktacular!

On our first Sunday open (17th October), we will be hosting a special sheep dog show with local farmer, Jamie Wilde, who manages a flock of more than 2000 ewes and has a wonderful pack of dogs who help him to do this job!

As last year, we will have a bale maze and bale tower for the kids to explore and of course, wheelbarrows to borrow for pumpkin picking ease!

We look forward to welcoming everyone again from the 16th - 31st October, pre-booking a timeslot essential, so we can manage numbers and parking on site. Visit www.raddlemans.co.uk for more details and to book.

Full fibre update

We've just heard that [the Braunston Full Fibre sign-up website is now live](#); if you haven't already registered with me, you can now register online for a fibre voucher, and pledge it to our community scheme with Openreach here:

www.openreach.co.uk/connectmycommunity

The 80 households which have already registered with me will receive an email direct from DCMS (Department of Culture, Media and Sport) with a voucher offer. These vouchers can then be pledged.

The monthly cost of full fibre broadband should be no more than the current 'superfast' service, despite being far faster; installation for the whole village would be paid for by vouchers, and it would be done before the Rutland Fibre Programme which is not due to start rolling out in Rutland until next year.

We will need many more people to sign up if we are to get ahead with an early install, so please do register and pledge at the website.

Jim Attack

Regular Events

- Indoor Bowls: Alternate Fridays in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825
- Table Tennis: Tue & Wed in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: David Smart 01664 474354
- Tea Party: last Tuesday of month at 2:30 pm in village hall. Contact Angela 01572 720351

- Gardening Club: 3rd Thursday of month at 7pm in village hall. Contact Lynn 01572 722725

Church Events

- Bell ringing practice: every Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976 622130

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Items for inclusion are always welcome - please send items for the November edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by October 17th please.